

41. Louisa Boren Lookout in Boren Park



Figure 41. 1: Louisa Boren Lookout Viewpoint

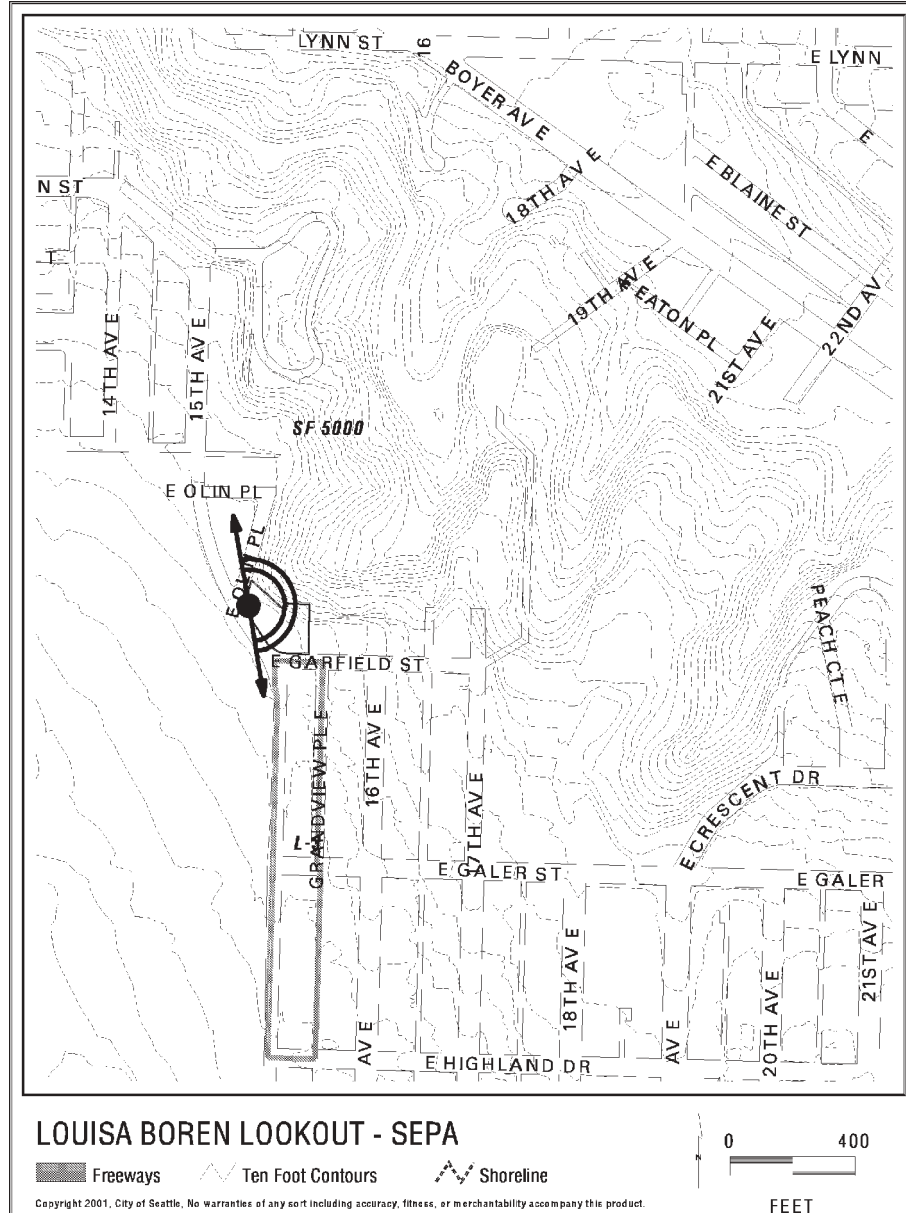
Location: 15th Ave. E. and E. Olin Place in the Capitol Hill Neighborhood

Site Assessment: Located along the high ridge area in Boren Park, the Lookout presents panoramic views of Lake Washington (Union Bay) and the Cascade Mountains. The Lookout is part of the 7.2-acre Boren Park, a natural area managed by DPR.

Amenities include:

- Passive recreational uses
- Seating areas
- Park signage
- On-street parking
- Metro Transit from 15th Ave. E.

Originally called Capitol Hill Viewpoint Park, the viewpoint was redesigned in 1975 by architect Victor Steinbrueck and landscape architect Richard Haag. The site was renamed the Louisa Boren Lookout in honor of Louisa Boren, one of Seattle's early pioneers, credited with starting construction of the city's first cabin at 2nd Avenue and Cherry Street in 1852.



Map 41: Louisa Boren Lookout

42. Lowman Beach Park (Lowman Beach)



Figure 42.1: Lowman Beach Park Viewpoint

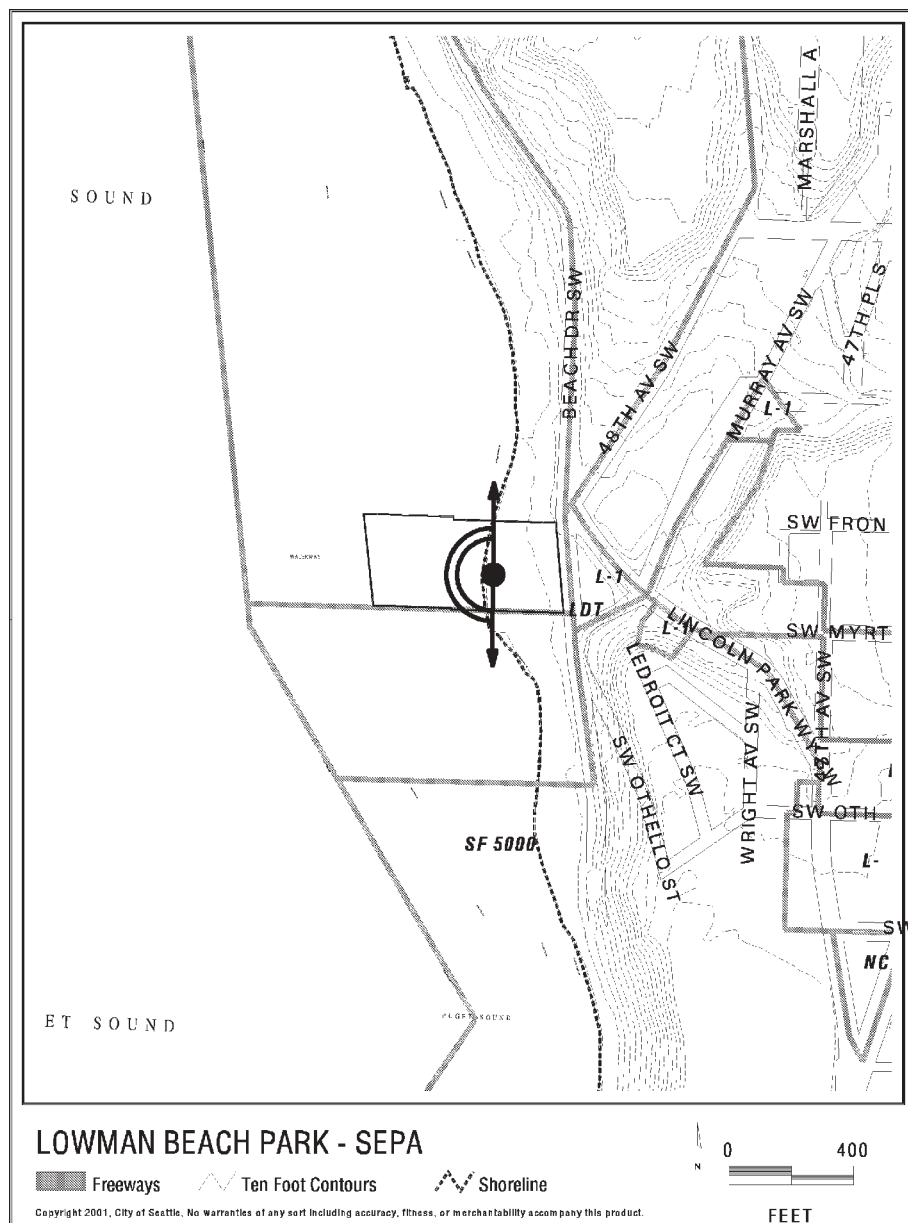
Location: Beach Dr. S.W. and 48th Ave. S.W. in West Seattle.

Site Assessment: This park provides panoramic views of the Olympics and Puget Sound. The four-acre park is managed by DPR and is classified as a neighborhood park. Amenities include:

- Both passive and active (tennis) recreational uses
- Seating
- Parking
- Park signage
- ADA accessibility

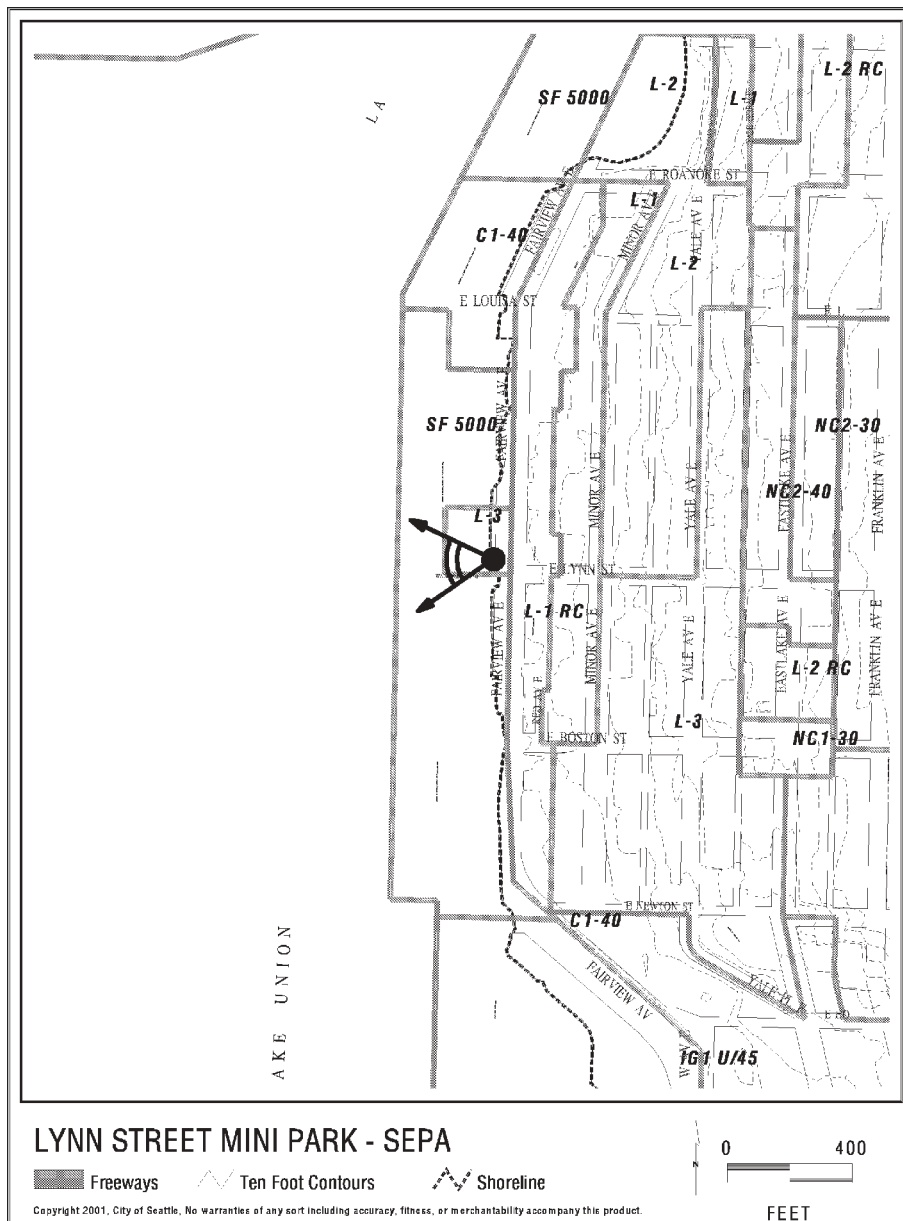
In 1909, the Yesler Logging Company donated the beach property to the City. Originally called Lincoln Beach, in 1925 it was renamed Lowman Beach in honor of James D. Lowman, a late 19th-century Seattle wharf master, teacher, and founder of the Lowman and Hanford stationers and printing company. Lowman served as a City Parks Commissioner (1896-1898).

Map 42: Lowman Beach Park



43. Lynn Street Mini-Park

Figure 43.1: Lynn Street Mini-Park Viewpoint



Location: E. Lynn St. at Fairview Ave. E. in the Eastlake neighborhood.

Site Assessment: This park offers a framed view of Lake Union. The site is managed by DPR and is classified as a neighborhood park. Amenities include:

- Passive recreational uses
- Seating
- Signage
- Limited nearby on-street parking
- Metro Transit from Eastlake Avenue

Lynn Street Mini-Park does not currently meet ADA standards. Plans are underway, however, for renovation and improved accessibility.

Map 43: Lynn Street Mini-Park

44. *Madison Park*

Figure 44.1: Madison Park Viewpoint



Location: *E. Howe St. and 43rd Ave. E. in the Madison Park neighborhood.*

Site Assessment: *The park provides panoramic views of Lake Washington, the Cascade Mountains, and Mt. Rainier. The 8.3-acre park is managed by DPR and, while classified as a neighborhood park, the swimming area is popular citywide in summer. Amenities include:*

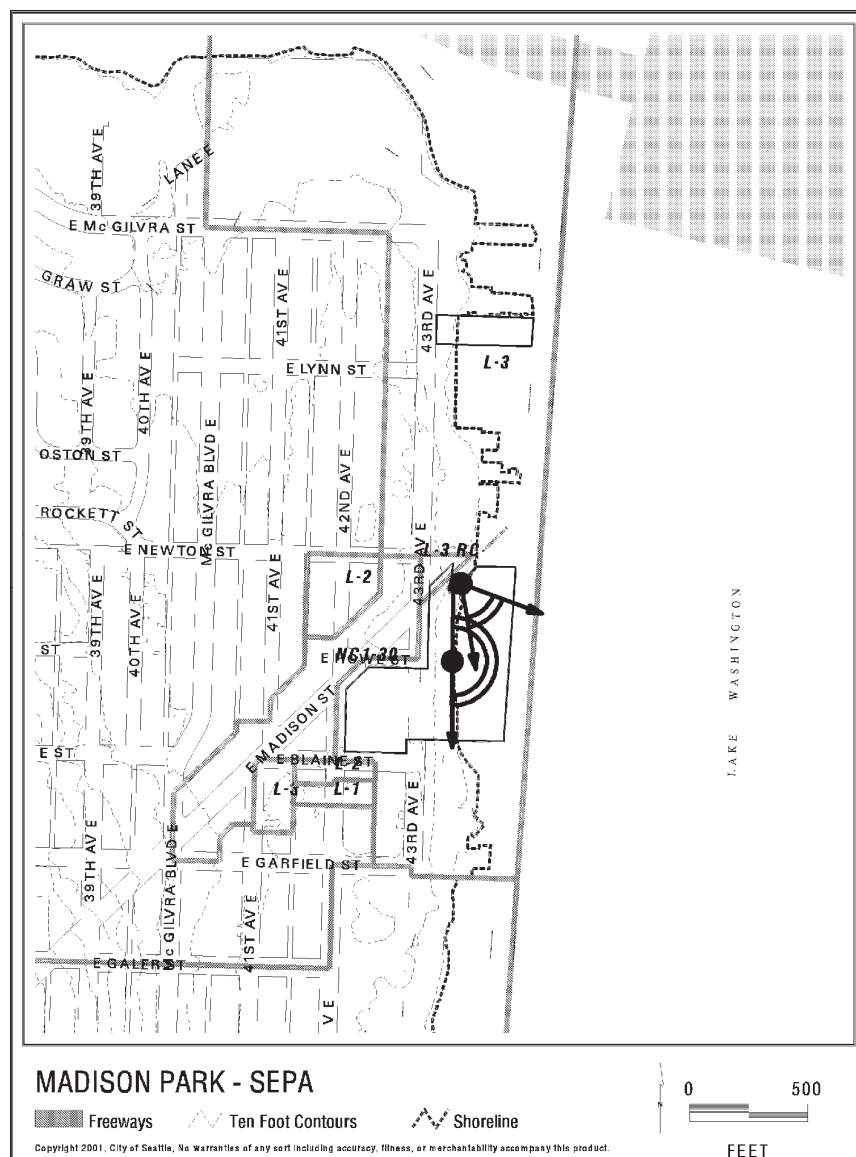
- *Active recreational uses, such as swimming and tennis*
- *Seating areas*
- *Parking*
- *Signage*
- *ADA accessibility*
- *Metro Transit on E. Madison St.*

John J. McGilvra, developer and founder of the Madison Street Railway Company, created Madison Park during the 1860s after having hewn Madison Street through the dense forest from downtown Seattle to Lake Washington in order to reach his land, referred to as "Madison Park." The park soon became a popular destination for outings. During the 1880s, McGilvra built his estate "Laurel Shade" in Madison Park and began platting the land for further housing development, setting aside 24 acres for public use, with a cable car line, boathouse, beer halls, piers, baseball fields, a floating bandstand, and a promenade. With the advent of the automobile, the park's popularity waned as the public drove elsewhere for recreation. In 1922, the shore area, a 1920s bathhouse, and remaining parkland transferred to the City's Parks Department.



Figure 44.2: Madison Park - Mount Rainier Viewpoint

Map 44: Madison Park



45. Madrona Park

Figure 45.1: Madrona Park Viewpoint



Location: Lake Washington Blvd. at Madrona Dr. in the Madrona neighborhood.

Site Assessment: This park offers panoramic views of Lake Washington, the Cascades, and Mt. Rainier. DPR manages the 16.3-acre neighborhood park.

Amenities include:

- Passive recreational uses
- Bench seating
- ADA accessibility
- Signage
- Parking
- Metro Transit

In 1890, a land company created an electric trolley line from 34th Ave. E. to the lake. John Ayers, a partner in the land company, donated the park property to the City in 1908 for use as a public beach.

Figure 45.2: Northeast Viewpoint



Figure 45.3: East Viewpoint



Map 45: Madrona Park

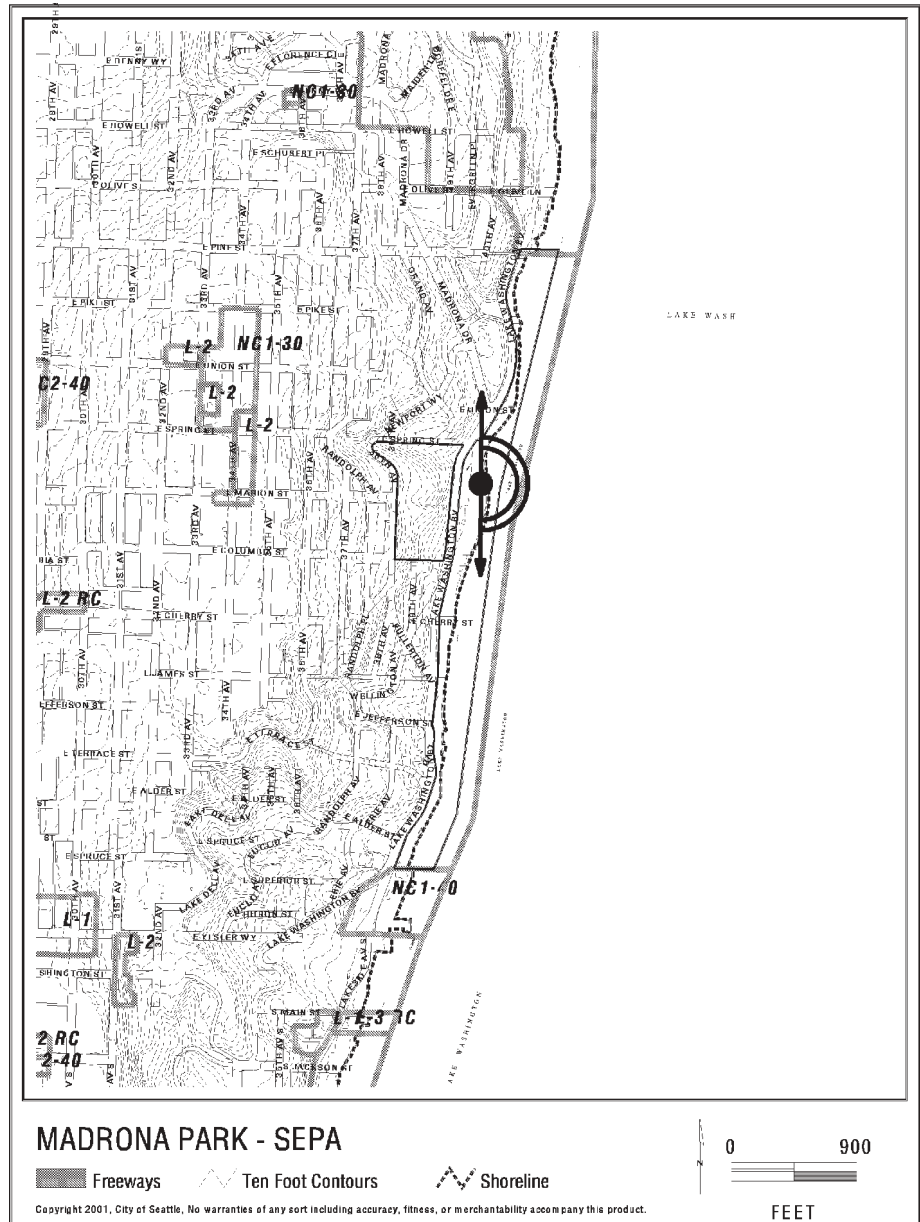


Figure 45.4: Southeast Viewpoint



46. Magnolia Elementary School Playground

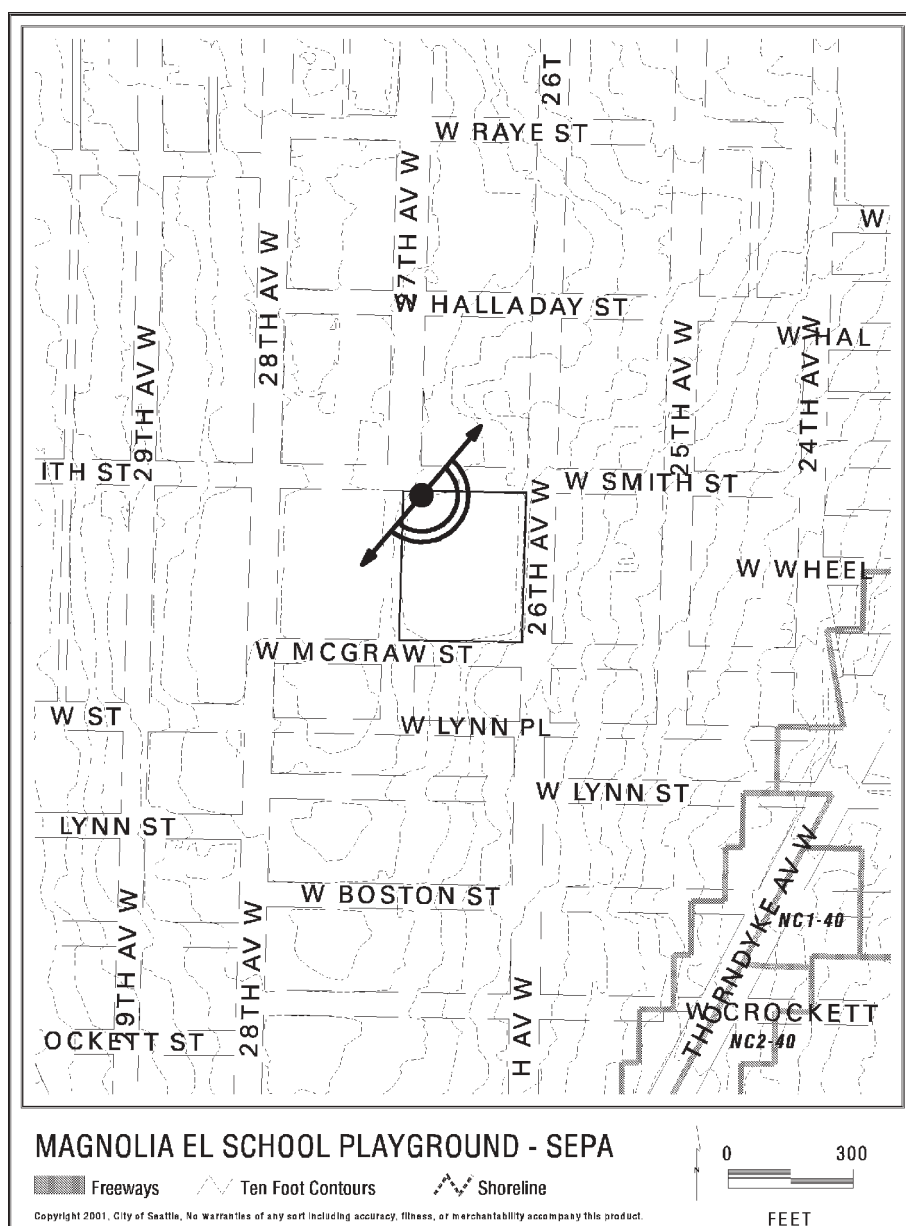


Figure 46.1: Magnolia Elementary School Playground Viewpoint

Location: W. Smith St. and 27th Ave. W. in the Magnolia neighborhood.

Site Assessment: The playground offers panoramic views of the Cascade Mountains, Puget Sound, the Downtown skyline, and Mt. Rainier. The paved playground is managed by DPR and is leased to the Seattle School District. Located on a high ridge, future plans supported by the 2001 ProParks levy includes redevelopment of the site with a variety of viewing amenities. DPR will manage the new park.

Map 46: Magnolia Elementary School Playground



47. Maple Leaf Playfield

Location: N.E. 82nd St. and Roosevelt Way N.E. in the Maple Leaf neighborhood.

Site Assessment: This viewpoint provides a framed view of the Cascades. There is a view of Mt. Rainier from near the reservoir pump house. DPR manages the 14-acre community playfield located next to the Maple Leaf Reservoir. Amenities include:

- Passive recreational uses
- Seating under decorative trellis
- Park signage
- On-street parking
- Metro Transit

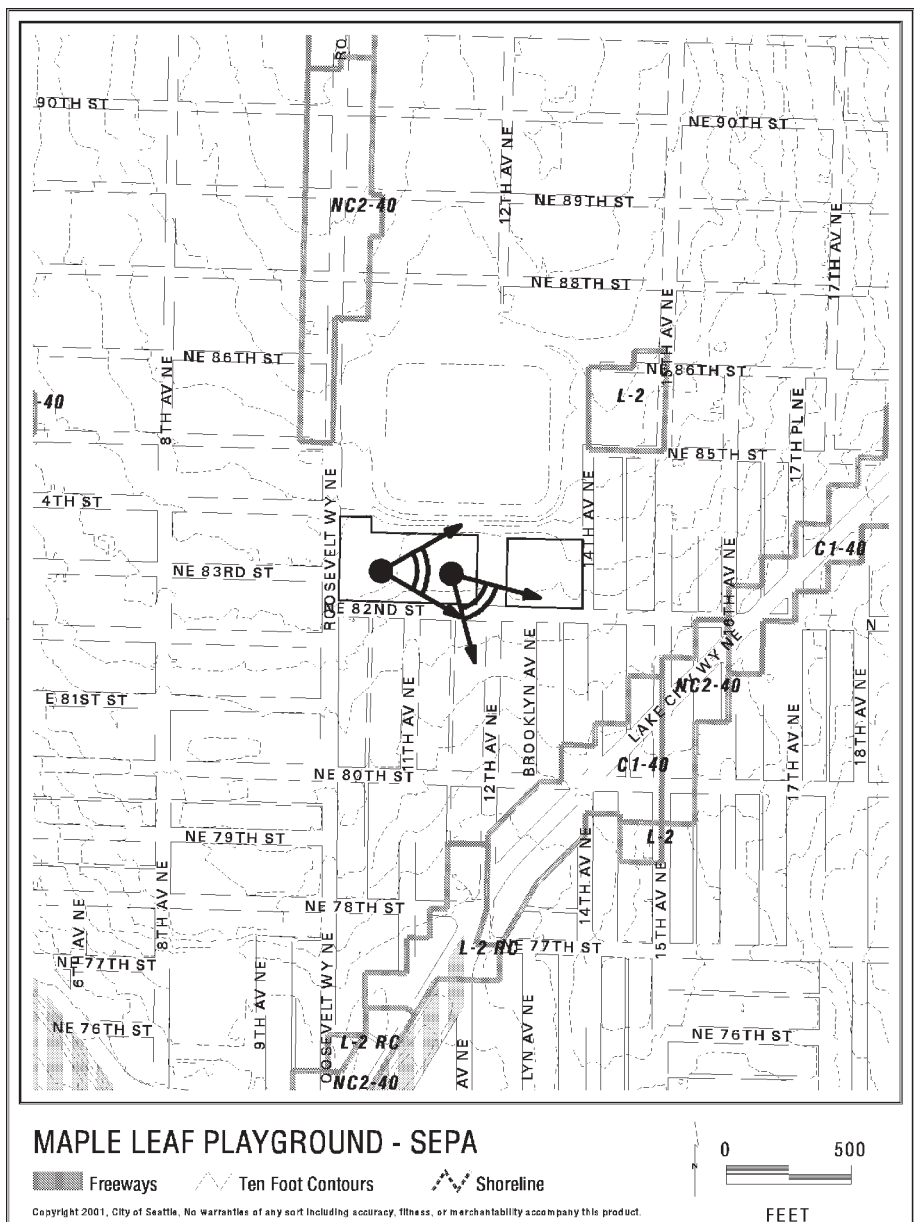
Figure 47.1: Maple Leaf Playfield Viewpoint to Mount Rainier



Figure 47.2: Maple Leaf Playfield Viewpoint



Map 47: Maple Leaf Playground



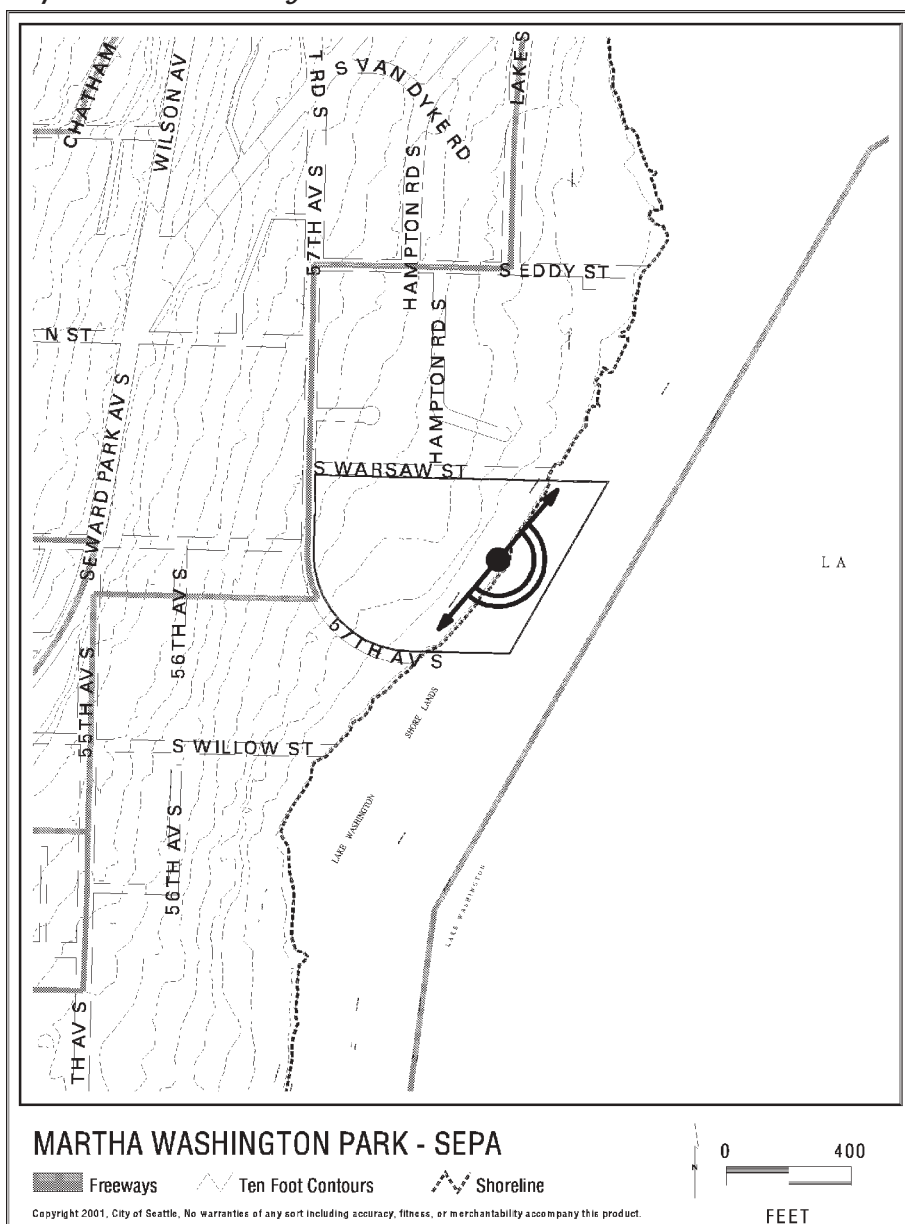
48. Martha Washington Park

Figure 48.1: Martha Washington Park Viewpoint



Location: S. Holly St. and 57th Ave. S. in the Brighton Beach neighborhood.

Map 48: Martha Washington Park



Site Assessment: This shoreline on Lake Washington offers panorama views of the lake, Mt. Rainier, and secondary views of the Cascade Mountains. DPR manages the 9.6-acre park, classified as a neighborhood park.

Limited amenities include:

- Passive recreational uses
- Mostly on-street parking
- Metro Transit from Seward Park Ave. S.

Formerly the site of Martha Washington School for Girls, the property was sold to the City in 1972 and DPR developed the site, incorporating many of the original plantings and water views.

Figure 48.2:
No parking signs along road to
Martha Washington Park



49. Matthews Beach Park

Figure 49.1: Matthews Beach Park Viewpoint



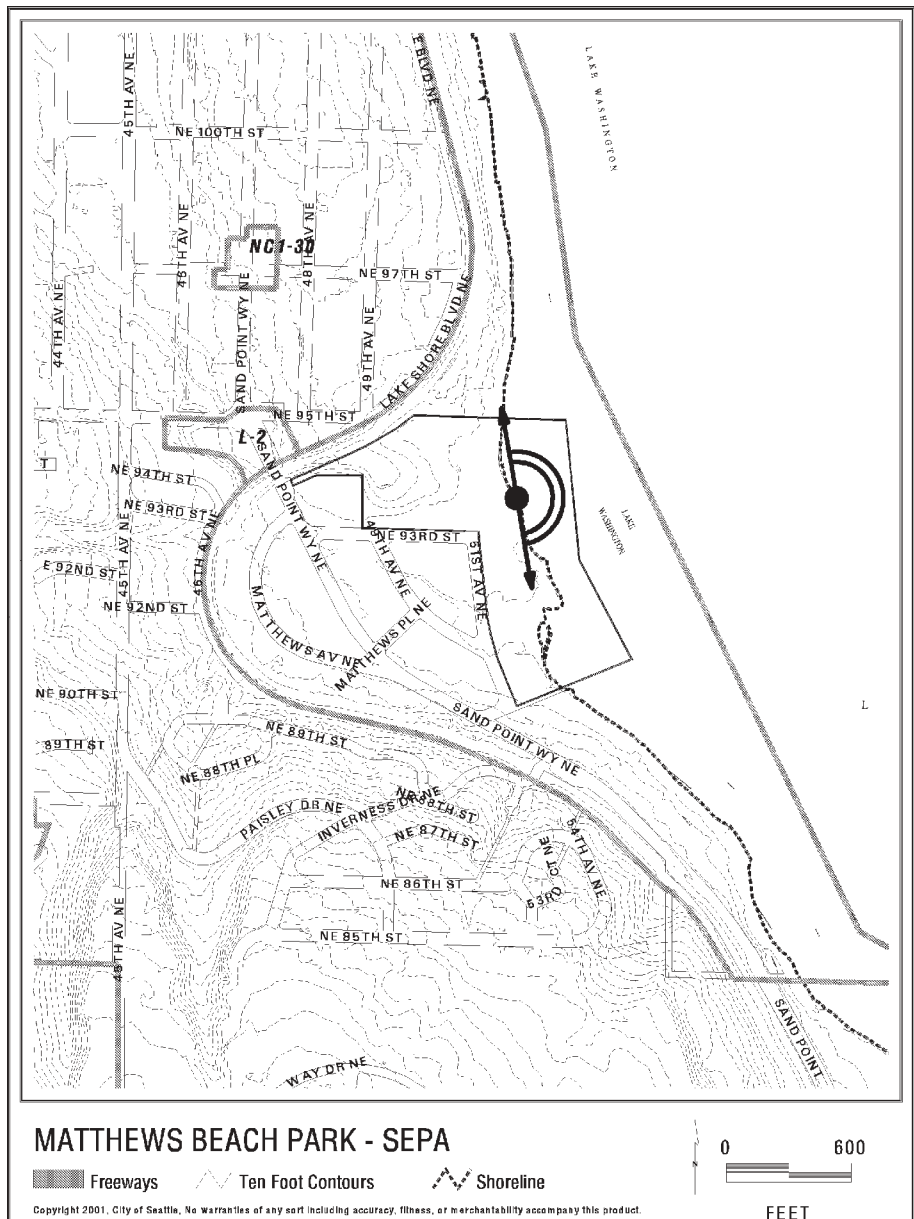
Location: Sand Point Way N.E. and N.E. 93rd St. in the Morningside neighborhood.

Site Assessment: This park offers panoramic views of the Cascade Mountains and Lake Washington. DPR manages the 22-acre regional park. Amenities include:

- Passive and active recreational uses, such as swimming
- Seating areas
- Signage
- ADA accessibility
- Parking
- Metro Transit along Sand Point Way

In 1951, the City purchased the first 10 acres of Matthews Beach. In the 1970s, the park was expanded with Forward Thrust funds. John G. Matthews, an early pioneer, homesteaded the site in the 1880s.

Map 49: Matthews Beach Park



50. Mayfair Park

Location: Second Ave. N. and Raye St. in the Queen Anne Neighborhood.

Site Assessment: This site contains no SEPA-defined views. DPR manages the one-acre site, which is located in a heavily wooded area and classified as a neighborhood park. Amenities include:

- Passive recreational uses
- Childrens' play equipment
- Seating areas
- ADA accessibility
- Signage
- Parking
- Metro Transit from Queen Anne Ave. N.

The park was developed in 1971.

Figure 50.1: Mayfair Park Viewpoint



Map 50: Mayfair Park

